

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 20 public bills, H.R. 3638–3657; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 494 were introduced. **Pages H8879–81**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H8881–82**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 493, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1540) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from December 16, 2011 through January 16, 2012 (H. Rept. 112–330). **Page H8879**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative McClintock to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8731**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:16 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8741**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated yesterday, December 12th:

**Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3246, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the “Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 415 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 920; **Pages H8759–60**

**Amending title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research:** S. 384, to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 417 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 921; and **Page H8760–61**

**William T. Trant Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 2767, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8 West Silver Street in Westfield, Massachusetts, as the “William T. Trant Post Office Building”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 420 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 924. **Pages H8824–25**

**Privileged Resolution — Intent to Offer:** Representative Davis (IL) announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Page H8761**

**Question of Privilege:** Representative Davis (IL) rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a resolution. The Chair ruled that the resolution did not constitute a question of the privileges of the House. **Pages H8761–62**

**Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2011:** The House passed H.R. 3630, to provide incentives for the creation of jobs, by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 923. **Pages H8745–59, H8762–H8824**

Rejected the Van Hollen motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 922. **Pages H8820–24**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 112–328 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H8762**

H. Res. 491, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 919, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 918. **Pages H8758–59**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 491 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 917. **Pages H8745–48**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Drug Trafficking Safe Harbor Elimination Act of 2011:** H.R. 313, amended, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify that persons who enter into a conspiracy within the United States to possess or traffic illegal controlled substances outside the United States, or engage in conduct within the United States to aid or abet drug trafficking outside the United States, may be criminally prosecuted in the United States; **Pages H8831–34**

**Calling for the repatriation of POW/MIAs and abductees from the Korean War:** H. Res. 376, amended, to call for the repatriation of POW/MIAs and abductees from the Korean War; and **Pages H8870–73**

**Urging the Republic of Turkey to safeguard its Christian heritage and to return confiscated church properties:** H. Res. 306, amended, to urge

the Republic of Turkey to safeguard its Christian heritage and to return confiscated church properties.

Pages H8873–78

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

***Fallen Heroes of 9/11 Act:*** H.R. 3421, to award Congressional Gold Medals in honor of the men and women who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001;

Pages H8825–28

***United States Marshals Service 225th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act:*** H.R. 886, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the establishment of the Nation's first Federal law enforcement agency, the United States Marshals Service;

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***Iran Threat Reduction Act of 2011:*** H.R. 1905, amended, to strengthen Iran sanctions laws for the purpose of compelling Iran to abandon its pursuit of nuclear weapons and other threatening activities; and

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***Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Reform and Modernization Act of 2011:*** H.R. 2105, amended, to provide for the application of measures to foreign persons who transfer to Iran, North Korea, and Syria certain goods, services, or technology.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H8745.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8747–48, H8758, H8758–59, H8759–60, H8760, H8823–24, H8824 and H8824–25. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

***Committee on the Judiciary:*** Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 1823, the “Criminal Code Modernization and Simplification Act of 2011.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COSTS AND BURDENS OF CIVIL DISCOVERY

***Committee on the Judiciary:*** Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing entitled “The Costs and

Burdens of Civil Discovery.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

***Committee on Natural Resources:*** Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on the following: H.R. 2512, the “Three Kids Mine Remediation and Reclamation Act”; and H.R. 3479, the “Natural Hazards Risk Reduction Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from David Applegate, Associate Director for Natural Hazards, Geological Survey; John Anderson, Seismological Society of America; Mike Pool, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management; Andy Hafen, Mayor, Henderson, Nevada; and public witnesses.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

***Committee on Rules:*** Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8 to 4, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report and its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. The rule provides that debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII.

Section 2 of the resolution provides that it shall be in order at any time through the remainder of the first session of the 112th Congress for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules, as though under clause 1(c) of rule XV, if the text of the measure proposed in a motion is made available on the calendar day before consideration.

Section 3 provides that on any legislative day of the first session of the 112th Congress after December 16, 2011: (1) the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; (2) the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time, within the limits of clause 4, section 5, article I of the Constitution, to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment; and (3) bills and resolutions introduced during the period addressed by this section shall be numbered, listed in the Congressional Record, and when printed shall bear the date of introduction, but may be referred by the Speaker at a later time.

Section 4 provides that on any legislative day of the second session of the 112th Congress before January 17, 2012: (1) the Speaker may dispense with organizational and legislative business; (2) the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved if applicable; and (3) the